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Mr. Keith Harley
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RE: USX and Wisconsin Steel Slips - Status of Site Assessment Activities

Dear Mr. Harley:

I would like to provide you with the current status of site assessment activities for the USX and Wisconsin Steel Slips on the Calumet River.

In response to your petition of June 19, 2000 and following correspondence of August 25, 2000, the U.S. EPA began sampling activities for these slips in December 2000.

The Illinois EPA conducted sampling activities for the North and South Slips at Wisconsin Steel in December 2000, and collected 22 sediment samples in the Calumet River, adjacent to the facility. Sampling activities for USX were scheduled to take place in January 2001 however, due to the harsh weather conditions, sampling activities were rescheduled and took place in April 2001. Sampling activities for the USX South Works facility included 36 sediment samples from 2 vessel slips in Lake Michigan and the Calumet River.

Sediment samples were collected in order to determine if the vessel slips in Calumet River have been impacted by past activities. Both shallow and deep sediment samples were collected using a clam-shell type dredge or a hand auger. Depth of water measurements were also taken as well as depth of sediment measurements where possible.

Currently, Illinois EPA and U.S. EPA are evaluating data in order to prepare a Report with results of these sampling activities. U.S. EPA anticipates this report to be completed within the next few months.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rosita Clarke-Moreno". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" at the beginning.

Rosita Clarke-Moreno
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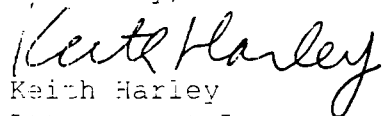
On June 19, 2000, a Petition was formally submitted to you pursuant to Section 9605(d) of Title 42 of the United States Code. The Petitioners were individuals and organizations active in Southeast Chicago. The Petition requested U.S. EPA to fulfill its duties under Section 9605(d) for two sets of boat slips on the Calumet River, located at the former USX and Wisconsin Steel sites.

At the time the Petition was submitted, I indicated the Petition would be supported by technical assistance from Northwestern University's School of Engineering. Today, I am sending you a copy of a report prepared at the School of Engineering. This document is designed to contribute to your evaluation of the Petition.

As stated in the initial cover letter, the Petitioners would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and any of your staff to discuss the Petition.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



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NOTES/COMMENTS:

Per our conversations, attached please find a letter providing status of activities at USX and Wisconsin Steel Slips.....

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions. I will update you as I learn more of the activities and when the report will be finalized.

*The original will follow in the
Mail.*

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